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**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING**

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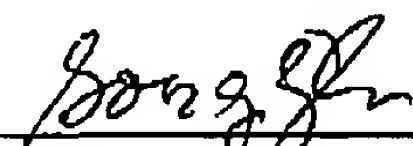
Sir:

Appellants hereby request an oral hearing in connection with the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee of \$1000.00 under 37 C.F.R. §41.20(b)(3), as well as any other required fees for this Request and any deficiencies in fees, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket No. 037141.48916US).

Respectfully submitted,

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